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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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- 3. [] Applicant(s) set forth below concise explanations of the relevance of each document not in the English language and/or selected document(s) in the English language.

Respectfully submitted,

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